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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON STATUS OF FRG
COMPENSATION REGULATIONS

1. FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED FROM OFFICE OF SENATOR
CHARLES H. PERCY. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR SECRETARY BENNET: AS YOU
MAY BE AWARE, SENATOR PERCY HAS LONG HAD GREAT INTEREST
IN THOSE PERSONS OF GERMAN ANCESTRY WHO WERE EXPELLED FROM
YUGOSLAVIA, HUNGARY AND ROMANIA AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II
AND WHO SUBSEQUENTLY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE THEY
HAVE BEEN EXEMPLARY CITIZENS.

WHEN THESE ETHNIC GERMANS WERE EXPELLED FROM EASTERN
EUROPE, THEY LOST THEIR LIFE SAVINGS AND ALL THEIR
PROPERTY.

IN OCT 1972, WHEN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BONN
INQUIRED OF THE FONOFF ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF
HONORING THE COMPENSATION CLAIMS OF THIS GROUP, THE
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FOREIGN OFFICE RESPONDED THAT THESE CLAIMS FAILED TO MEET
THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 230 OF THE LAW ON THE EQUALIZA-
TION OF BURDENS AND OF SECTION 38 PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE
REPARATION DAMAGE LAW.

HOWEVER, AT THAT TIME, THE FOREIGN OFFICE ALSO STATED THAT
APPROPRIATE GERMAN FEDERAL MINISTRIES, UNDER THE MANDATE

OF A BUNDESTAG RESOLUTION, WERE REVIEWING THE CITED REGULATIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER, AND TO WHAT EXTENT, SOME LIBERALIZATION MIGHT STILL BE MADE.

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO SENATOR PERCY IF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BONN COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE COMPENSATION ISSUE AND COULD ADVISE HIM WHETHER THE ETHNIC GERMANS NOW RESIDING IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE ANY REASON TO KEEP THEIR HOPES FOR COMPENSATION ALIVE. END TEXT.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY ASCERTAIN CURRENT SITUATION AND RESPOND TO DEPARTMENT, ATTN: EUR/CE AND H. VANCE

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